Complaint against Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

2620. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 996 replied on the 13th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the Secretary of the Ministry was called to represent its views in the case filed by some Journalists with the Press Council of India and the said complaint is still under the consideration of the Council; and

(b) what are the reasons for ignoring the notice of the Press Council of India by the Secretary of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Press Council of India had requested the Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to appear before its Inquiry Committee either in person or through a duly authorised representative to adduce such relevant evidence, oral or documentary, and make such submissions as he may deem necessary in the complaint of the General Secretary Photo Journalists' Association of Bombay against the Government of India. The Deputy Principal Information Officer (Press Relations), Press Information Bureau, Government of India appeared on his behalf. The Council has not yet given a decision in this case.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of air defence gun

2621. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to produce a sophisticated air defence gun; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation has undertaken a study project for design and development of a system which would meet the futuristic requirement of an Air Defence Gun System of the Army. It is premature to give more details at this stage.

Precious Stones, Jewellery and antiques recovered in raids

2622. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 17th February, 1987 wherein it has been stated that precious stones, jewellery and dozens of antiques were recovered by Income Tax authorities during raids in Jaipur;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any arrest has been made and action taken by Government against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, a search under section 132 of the Income-tax Act was conducted on 20.1.1987 to 22.1.87 at the premises of two Jewellers—Shri Radheyshyam Lashkari and Shri Sitaram Lashkari. The following *prima-facie* unaccounted assets, *inter alia* were seized:—

	Rs. in lakhs
Cash	8.69
Jewellery	39.00
Precious and semi- precious stones	9.74